



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
PER AMENDMENT #10
Schoon Ditch Phase 3 CSO Elimination Project
Planning and Design
SRF # WW05 16 45 02

Date: September 4, 2009

Target Project Approval Date: September 8, 2009

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Amendment #11 to the Hammond Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report submitted to the SRF on June 10, 2009 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Hammond Sanitary District
PER Amendment #10
Schoon Ditch Phase 3 CSO Elimination Project
Design Services
5143 Columbia Avenue
Hammond, IN 46320

SRF Project Number: WW 05 16 45 02

Authorized Representative: Dr. Michael T. Unger, Director

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The Hammond Sanitary District is located in Hammond in northwest Lake County, Indiana. Although this project does not involve construction, the Schoon Ditch Phase 3 CSO Elimination construction project will occur in Munster. The design and construction project area is bounded by Schoon Ditch to the south, Ridge Road (US Route 6) to the north, Greenwood Avenue to the west and Crestwood Avenue to the east. This area is part of the Hammond Sanitary District's collection system. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

No construction is associated with this project. This project will only provide planning and design engineering services to include the Schoon Ditch Phase 3 project described in Item II above. The actual construction project will be implemented later.

IV. PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

- A. Project Cost: \$79,120.
- B. The Hammond Sanitary District will use unspent funds remaining from SRF Loan WW 05 16 45 02 to conduct the planning and design services. As of this date, \$9, 5657,556 remains unspent in that loan. Rates will not need to be raised to implement this project.

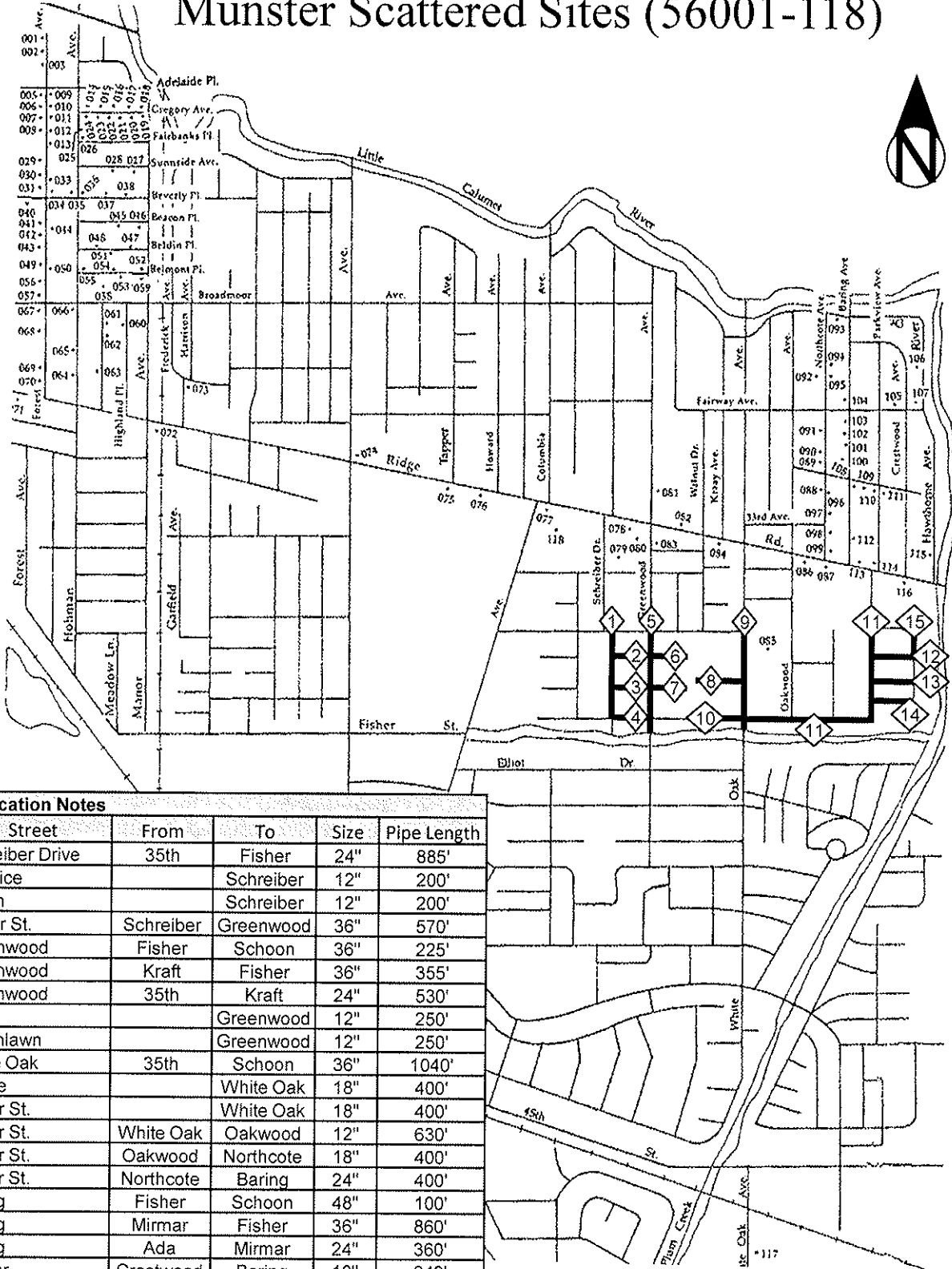
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Since this project will consist only of planning engineering services, there will be no negative environmental impacts and no potential affect to historic sites. Our finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: “no historic properties affected.”

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Hammond Sanitary District met to discuss the project at their regular Board Meeting on May 12, 2009 at the Hammond Sanitary District Offices.

Munster Scattered Sites (56001-118)



Sewer Location Notes

| No. | Street | From | To | Size | Pipe Length |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------|
| 1 | Schreiber Drive | 35th | Fisher | 24" | 885' |
| 2 | Beatrice | | Schreiber | 12" | 200' |
| 3 | Vivian | | Schreiber | 12" | 200' |
| 4 | Fisher St. | Schreiber | Greenwood | 36" | 570' |
| 5 | Greenwood | Fisher | Schoon | 36" | 225' |
| | Greenwood | Kraft | Fisher | 36" | 355' |
| | Greenwood | 35th | Kraft | 24" | 530' |
| 6 | Kraft | | Greenwood | 12" | 250' |
| 7 | Greenlawn | | Greenwood | 12" | 250' |
| 8 | White Oak | 35th | Schoon | 36" | 1040' |
| 9 | Janice | | White Oak | 18" | 400' |
| 10 | Fisher St. | | White Oak | 18" | 400' |
| | Fisher St. | White Oak | Oakwood | 12" | 630' |
| | Fisher St. | Oakwood | Northcote | 18" | 400' |
| | Fisher St. | Northcote | Baring | 24" | 400' |
| 11 | Baring | Fisher | Schoon | 48" | 100' |
| | Baring | Mirmar | Fisher | 36" | 860' |
| | Baring | Ada | Mirmar | 24" | 360' |
| 12 | Mirmar | Crestwood | Baring | 18" | 840' |
| 13 | Lambert | Crestwood | Baring | 24" | 840' |
| 14 | Fisher St. | Crestwood | Baring | 18" | 840' |
| 15 | Crestwood | Ada | Mirmar | 12" | 200' |

Map Legend

- Proposed Sewer
- ① Sewer Location Notes

Sanitary District of
Hammond, Indiana
Schoon Ditch Phase III

FIGURE 1: Schoon Ditch Design Project Area